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HONG KONG FOR BERGLAND PARTY

FOLLOWING REPEAT COLOMBO 1933 SENT ACTION SECSTATE 06 JUNE.

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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC) THIRD SESSION

REF: (A) STATE 127260; (B) STATE 117059; (C) COLOMBO 1558

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL B, EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH A. T. MAHINDA SILVA, SECRETARY (I.E. SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT) IN THE SRI LANKA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, THE MOST APPROPRIATE WAY OF HANDLING SECRETARY BERGLAND'S LETTER. SILVA SAID THAT BECAUSE AGRICULTURE MINISTER KOBBEKADUWA WAS STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT (GENERAL ELECTIONS ARE TO BE HELD JULY 21) THE MINISTER WOULD NOT ATTEND THE THIRD SESSION IN MANILA. AS SILVA WILL BE THE SRI LANKAN REPRESENTATIVE, AT THE WFC MEETING, HE SUGGESTED THAT SECRETARY BERGLAND'S LETTER BE SENT
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TO HIM. SILVA SAID HE WANTED TO DISCUSS THE LETTER WITH MINISTER KOBBEKADUWA BEFORE GIVING ANY REACTION TO THE SECRETARY'S IDEAS.

2. AT A MEETING ON JUN 6, SILVA TOLD EMBOFF THAT SRI LANKA FULLY AGREES WITH SECRETARY BERGLAND'S POSITION AND WILL SUPPORT ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA. SILVA STATED THAT FOOD

AID AND NUTRITION ARE BOTH HIGH PRIORITY SUBJECTS FOR SRI LANKA, AND HE HOPED THE MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD TAKE SOME CONCRETE ACTION IN THESE AREAS. SRI LANKA DOES NOT PLAN TO MAKE ANY PROPOSALS OF ITS OWN AT MANILA.

3. SILVA, WHO WILL BE A ONE-MAN DELEGATION AT MANILA, IS 61 AND A HIGHLY REGARDED AGRICULTURAL EXPERT. EARLIER IN HIS CAREER HE WAS DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND LATER CHAIRMAN OF THE CEYLON FERTILIZER CORPORATION. HE IS MARRIED AND SPEAKS PERFECT ENGLISH. PERKINS
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